



Fairy Tale Court

*Many terrible crimes have been committed in some of the most beloved fairy tale stories. For years, these crimes have been ignored, but no more! The story-world cries out for justice! Our class is going to hold a Fairy Tale Court in which we will put famous fairy tale characters on trial for their actions.

*You will work in a **group of 6** to prepare a **5-10 minute trial** for the characters of the fairy tales listed on our class website: <http://sunsetridge8.weebly.com/fairy-tale-selections.html>

Defense Attorney: _____

Prosecution Attorney: _____

Defendant: _____

Defense's Witness _____

Plaintiff _____

Plaintiff's Witness _____



*Each member of the group will need to take turns arguing their side of the case using **physical evidence**, relevant reasoning or elaboration, and well-chosen details. You all will work on a script that you will present to the class.

*Groups should practice good presentation skills, including:

- **eye contact** with the audience
- **adequate volume** to be heard
- **clear pronunciation**

*The rest of the class will act as the jury, and they will determine which side is "guilty" or "not guilty" after listening to the arguments of both sides.



Fairy Tale Court Rubric

COURT DATE _____

Name: _____ Period: _____

(CCSS W8.1- argumentative writing; CCSS SL8.3 & SL8.4- debate)

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Presentation of Claim	*Clearly states the claim of defense or prosecution. *Explanation of the argument is clear and emphasizes important points in a focused manner.	*Clearly states the claim of defense or prosecution. *Explanation of the argument is clear and focused.	*Clearly states the claim of defense or prosecution. However, the claim is not explained clearly.	*Claim is unclear and not explained.
Presentation of Physical Evidence	*Evidence was created specifically for this assignment and shows additional time and effort. *Evidence is relevant to the case.	*Evidence is neatly constructed (drawn, typed, colorful, etc) or brought from home. *Evidence is relevant to the case.	*Partial evidence is presented or evidence somewhat supports the claim, but is lacking in clarity. The presentation of the evidence needs more attention to detail.	*Evidence sloppy and appears to be created at the last minute. Not a lot of thought or effort was put into its creation. Evidence does NOT relate to the case.
Evidence and Reasoning W8.1 b & c	*Evidence supports claim of guilt or innocence with well-chosen details and evidence. *Uses sound reasoning or elaboration to explain how evidence and details support the claim	*Supports claim of guilt or innocence with well-chosen details and evidence. *Reasoning or elaboration is sufficient in explaining how the evidence/details support the claim.	*Supports claim of guilt or innocence with details and evidence, some of which is irrelevant or unclear. *Reasoning or elaboration may or may not be sound or clear in explaining how evidence supports the claim.	*Claim is not supported with details or evidence.
Time limit	Presentation is 5-10 minutes long.	Presentation is 1 minute short/long.	Presentation is 2 minutes short/long.	Presentation is 3 or more minutes short/long.
Eye Contact, Volume, and Clarity SL8.4	Looks relaxed and confident. Establishes eye contact with everyone in the room during the presentation. Easy to hear and understand.	Establishes eye contact with some of the audience during the presentation. Easy to hear and understand.	Occasionally makes eye contact with the audience. Occasionally difficult to hear or understand.	Does not make eye contact during the presentation. Is difficult to hear or understand.

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